



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## Trenton, NJ

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Trenton has been selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Trenton (population 85,403), the capital of New Jersey, is one of the state's poorest cities. It grew around the now-defunct industrial facilities which once depended on the area's waterways for power. These facilities, now mostly abandoned, are typically located in residential communities. These residential neighborhoods are primarily low-income and minority. The poverty levels in the two target areas are 28 and 49 percent, respectively. More than 90 percent of target area residents are minority and the median household income is less than two-thirds of the city median. Cleanup of the Pukala site, located in a floodplain from which contaminants and



### Cleanup Grants



#### \$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City Trenton for two brownfields cleanup grants. One grant will be used to clean up hazardous substances contamination, including volatile organics and lead, at the Pukala site on Poplar Street. The site was contaminated by fill used to raise site elevations and by historic site operations which included an automobile dismantling yard, junk yard, and auto repair facility. The second grant will be used to clean up soil contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, arsenic, and lead at the Canal Plaza site on North Broad Street. The property was used as an industrial dairy from 1918 until it was abandoned in 1976.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

debris are washed into a tributary of the Delaware River, will help protect the water quality of a regional drinking water source. Once the site is cleaned up, the city will reclaim it for open space and recreation, thereby improving the quality of life and morale of residents. Cleanup of the Canal Plaza site will help prevent runoff from discharging into the Delaware

and Raritan Canal and remove one of the last symbols of blight in this historic area, location of a significant Revolutionary War battle. Once the site is cleaned up, the city plans call for redevelopment with 16 homes and open space, which will improve the neighborhood and alleviate the area's housing shortage.